ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An access control system is provided which is suitable for inhibiting an increase in communication traffic, and preventing excessive process loads applied to certain terminals and certain devices. A printer management server notifies a server printer of timing information indicating access timing corresponding to a server printer with reference to a timing information registration table. A network printer receives timing information, and sends status information of a status information registration table for collection based on the received timing information when the network printer itself is the server printer.